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Any inquiry regarding this matter should be directed to Barbara A. Wrigley at (612) 607-7595. With the filing of the above-referenced disclosures, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for examination, and requests favorable consideration thereof.

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